

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 8, 2023, 6 pm
Location: Town of La Valle Hall, 324 Hwy 33, La Valle, WI 53941

MINUTES

1. Call meeting to order, verify compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Meeting called to order by chair, Mike Mittelstadt, at six pm. He confirmed the meeting followed open meeting laws.

2. Roll Call:

Mike Mittelstadt, Ken Keegstra, Brad Horner, Paul Burke, Pat Sullivan, Ray Demaskie, Peter Kinsman

Others: Al Baade, Anna Demaskie Phone: Dave Crockett

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Demaskie, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

4. Approval of minutes for July 11th regular meeting

Motion to approve July 11th minutes by Sullivan, second by Horner. Motion carried.

5. Public Input

6. Treasurer's Financial Report

a. Approve vouchers

Town of La Valle	mowing Meronek Meadows	\$400.00
Ken Keegstra	publication of annual meeting notice in paper	\$ 50.84
Juneau County	producer-led cooperative workshop	\$480.00
Krueger Printing	Print annual meeting handouts & ballots	\$ 43.70
WI St Lab of Hygiene	lake sample testing	\$176.00
Lexi Vertein	CBCW pay thru August 5 th	\$682.50
Sara McCune	CBCW pay thru August 5 th	<u>\$255.00</u>
Total		\$2088.04

Motion to approve payment of current invoices by Keegstra, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

Other activities:

Royal Bank deposit	Reimbursement from Gen'l Engineering	\$2170.00
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b. Review monthly financial reports

7. Chairman's Report

a. Election of officers for 2023-2024

Chairman: Keegstra nominated Mittelstadt as chair, seconded by Horner. Motion and second to close the nominations. The motion passed. Mittelstadt was elected chair unanimously.

Secretary: Horner nominated Keegstra as secretary, seconded by Sullivan. Motion and second to close the nominations. The motion passed. Keegstra was elected secretary unanimously.

Treasurer: Horner nominated Crockett as treasurer, seconded by Sullivan. Motion and second to close the nominations. The motion passed. Crockett was elected treasurer unanimously.

Assistant Treasurer: Keegstra nominated Sullivan as assistant treasurer, seconded by Horner. Motion and second to close the nomination was passed. Sullivan was elected assistant treasurer unanimously.

b. Discussion of committees for 2023-2024

The board had a preliminary discussion of the committees for 2023-2024. It was decided that the newsletter committee was no longer needed because the education and outreach committee is now handling preparation of the newsletter. A few changes were made to other committees. Keegstra will distribute an updated list of committee compositions. It was agreed that the chair of each committee would consult with continuing and new members about their willingness to serve in 2023-2024. The committee compositions will be finalized at the September meeting.

c. Planning for fall grant applications to WDNR

No new grants are planned at the present time. CBCW application will be made before November, but a pre-application is not needed because the district has had these grants in the past. Putting in a Healthy Lakes grant application is an option, but again a preapplication is not needed because the district had one in the past.

d. Select date for October special meeting to review lake management plan

The special meeting to review progress on implementing the lake management plan will be held on October 26th at 10am.

8. Secretary's Report

a. Review draft of annual meeting minutes

Keegstra distributed a draft set of minutes for the annual meeting and asked for edits and suggestions for changes. He will distribute a revised version before the September meeting. After review by the board, the draft minutes will be posted on the LRPD website.

b. Report on field day with producer-led cooperative

Will Winters, a veterinarian from Minnesota gave a presentation followed by a pasture walk. The meeting was well attended with about 30 producers present. Sullivan and Keegstra represented the LRPD. Both felt the presentation was unfocused and was not directly relevant to the advertised topics. Both thought the pasture walk was useful.

c. Begin planning for fall partners meeting

The meeting will take place in late October or early November. Details will follow.

9. La Valle Town Representative: Demaskie

Nothing new to report.

10. Sauk County Representative: Kinsman

Mirror Lake will be doing dredging; bids will be sought soon. The 400-trail route may extend through Devil's Lake State Park to the Great Sauk Trail. The fiber optic line still needs to be moved from above the Hemlock Dam before construction can begin.

11. Committee Reports

a. Lake Management Plan Integration Committee

The master spreadsheet has been updated and sent to the committee chairs to be completed before the special meeting in October.

b. Water Quality Projects Committee

Sullivan gave a brief update on the status of the CBCW program for 2023. At the spring committee meeting, a subcommittee consisting of Pat Sullivan, Paul Burke and Ken Kidd, was formed to investigate the phosphorus levels in Lake Redstone, why they are not declining, and what can be done to lower them. They contacted Arthur Watkinson, who in turn put them in touch with Dick Lathrop. Lathrop is a retired DNR limnologist who has experience working with many lakes in southern Wisconsin, including the bottom withdrawal system employed several years ago in Devils Lakes. He is willing to begin a conversation with the LRPD to see if he can help us. Keegstra made motion to allow the subcommittee and the water quality committee to explore whether Lathrop would be willing to serve as an advisor, possibly as a paid consultant, to help the district explore ways to reduce phosphorus levels in Lake Redstone, second by Horner. Motion carried. If Lathrop is willing to help, they will report back with a specific proposal.

c. Sediment Control Committee

The committee is work on possible projects on Eagle Court and Cardinal Court. Sullivan is working with Al Johnson from the Town of La Vale to see what can be done on these projects.

d. Education & Outreach Committee

The committee is seeking residents willing to perform a Healthy Lakes Project on their property. If they get any candidates, the district will need to submit a Healthy Lakes grant application before November 15th. They are also encouraging residents to perform a project that qualifies for a reimbursement from Sauk County. Finally, they will be advertising to encourage participation in the new LRPD program which provides reimbursement from the district for qualified projects.

12. Agenda items for September regular meeting

Finalize committee assignments, review draft agenda for partners meeting

13. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned when all business was complete at 7:58pm.

AD/September 4, 2023

KK/September 5, 2023